

# ***Biogas to Vehicle Fuel Project***

***Rodefeld Landfill  
Dane County, Wisconsin***

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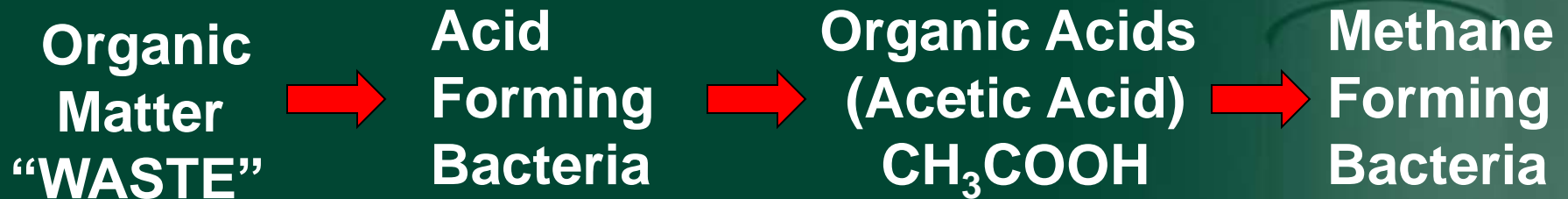
# ***Biogas Vehicle Fuel Project***

- ▶ Dane County, Wisconsin Rodefild Landfill
- ▶ Developed with private, municipal and educational entities
- ▶ Purpose is to use biogas as a vehicle fuel on a small scale (100 gge/d)
- ▶ System installation - December 23, 2010

# ***Overview of Biogas and Utilization as a Vehicle Fuel***

- ▶ Biogas : Landfills, WWTP, Digesters
- ▶ National: CA, OH
  - Altamont Landfill - LNG California, 3,000 scfm, \$15.5MM
  - SWACO Landfill - CNG Ohio, 200 scfm, \$4MM
- ▶ Small Scale System Availability?
  - Can small biogas to vehicle fuel systems be cost effective?

# ***The Anaerobic Decomposition Process***



**CH<sub>4</sub> + CO<sub>2</sub> + Heat**  
50 to 65%      35 to 50%



Over 12,000,000 CNG vehicles in use worldwide and growing!

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# ***Manufactures are Incorporating CNG into Vehicles***



Dual Fuel CNG / Gasoline VW Passat



CNG Waste Truck



# Cummins Westport Inc

8.9L ISL-G (in-line 6c, 2200 rpm engine)

- Stoichometric combustion w EGR+3-way cat
- .2 NOx/.01 PM – 2010 compliant)
- Engine Ratings

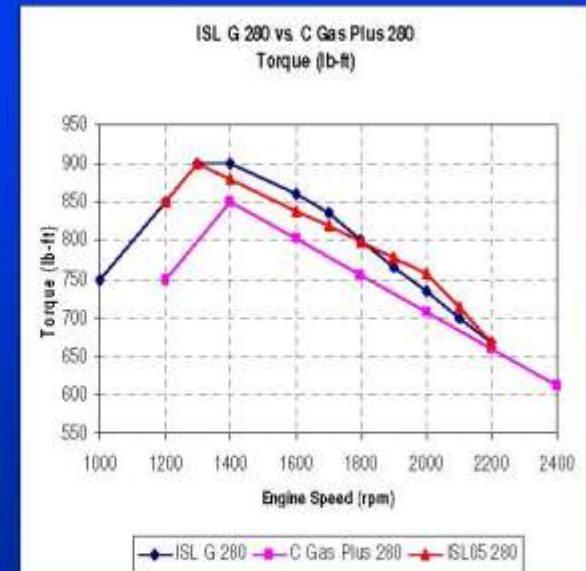
<u>Model</u>	<u>Horsepower</u>	<u>Peak Torque</u>
320	320 @ 2200	1000 @ 1300
300	300 @ 2100	860 @ 1300
280	280 @ 2000	900 @ 1300
260	260 @ 2200	660 @ 1300
250	250 @ 2200	730 @ 1300

- Refuse collection trucks

- Crane Carrier LET, Autocar Xpeditor, Peterbilt LCF 320, Int'l/ALF Condor, Mack TerraPro LE;

- Work /Vocational Trucks

- Freightliner M2-112; Kenworth T8SH and T440; Peterbilt 365 and 384;



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# ***Project Considerations***

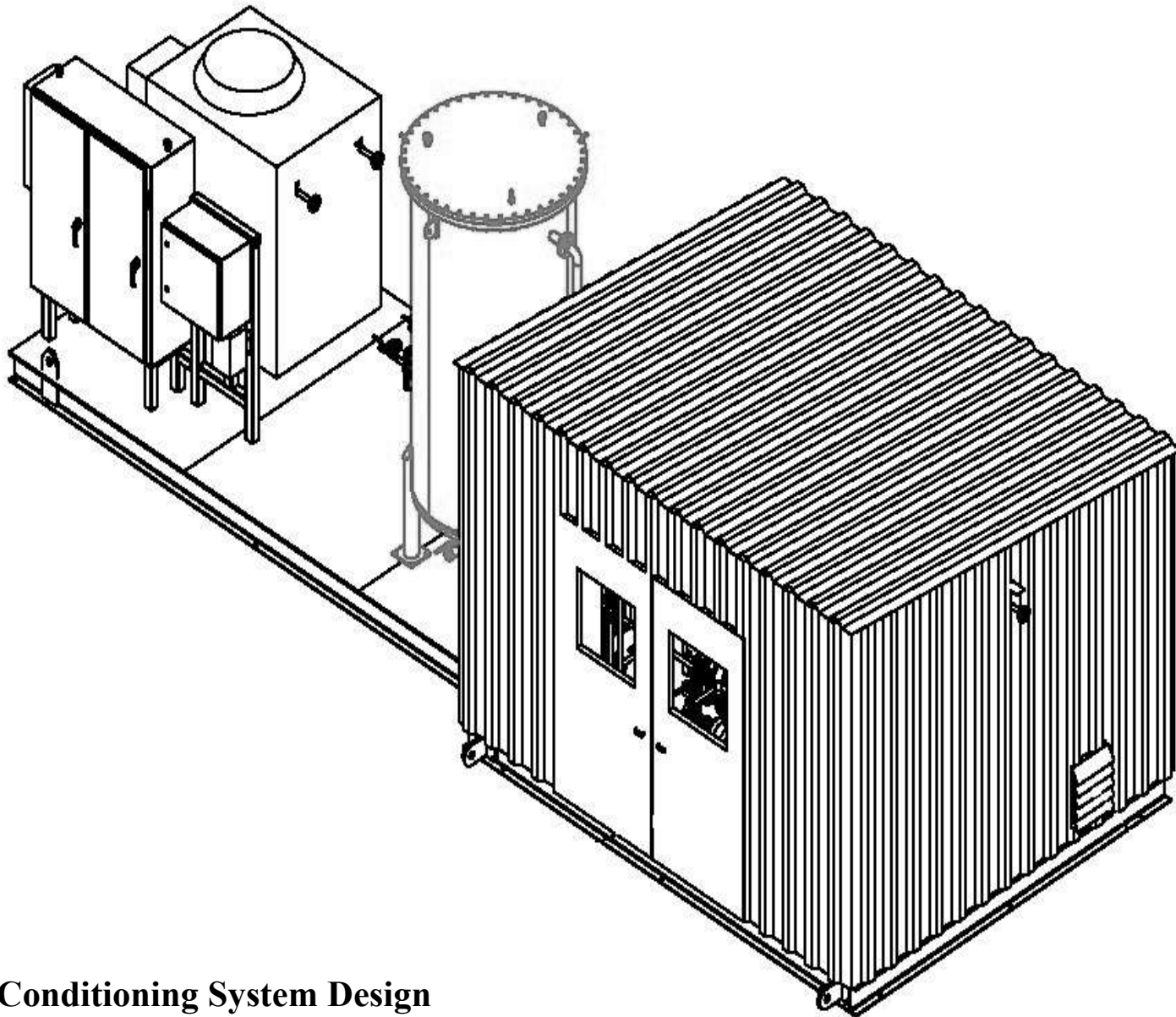
- ▶ Evaluate biogas clean-up technologies
  - resulted in Patent Pending process
- ▶ Viability using biogas as a vehicle fuel as an add-on to an existing 6.4 MW LFGTE System
- ▶ As fuel demand grows blend natural gas and BioCNG (similar to biodiesel and ethanol)

# ***Biogas Treatment Requirements / Considerations***

- ▶ Moisture removal (to -40 F at 4000 PSIG)
- ▶ Hydrogen Sulfide removal
- ▶ VOC / Siloxane removal
- ▶ CO<sub>2</sub> removal
- ▶ Fuel requirements:
  - ▶ Engine Manufacturers Specifications, SAE J1616



Ford 1998 CNG / Gasoline Pickup Truck  
Purchased By Dane County February 22, 2010



**BioCNG Conditioning System Design**  
**Completed September 2010**





**Fabrication at Unison Solutions  
Dubuque, Iowa  
December 7, 2010**



**System Delivery December 23, 2010**



**System mechanical and electrical connections completed December 27, 2010**





**System Startup December 28, 2010**





**Fueling Station, Fast Fill 60-GGE capacity**



**First Vehicle Fueled March 18, 2011**

# Rodefeld Landfill / BioCNG Gas Constituents

Constituent	Units	Inlet LFG	BioCNG
CH <sub>4</sub>	vol. %	55.0	90.0
CO <sub>2</sub>	vol. %	39.5	0.3
O <sub>2</sub>	vol. %	0.5	0.1
N <sub>2</sub>	vol. %	5.0	9.6
H <sub>2</sub> S	ppmv	250	ND

## Notes:

- (1) Data is compiled from field and laboratory analysis of samples collected on January 4, 2011.
- (2) Cummins ISL G engine specifications call for a minimum methane number of 75 CH<sub>4</sub>

# ***BioCNG Economic Considerations***

- ▶ Is biogas of suitable quality available?
- ▶ Base value on off-setting diesel, gasoline, natural gas or natural gas CNG?
- ▶ Alternate vehicle fuel incentives or grants?
  - \$0.50 / GGE federal tax credit (Equivalent to \$.04/KWh)
- ▶ Value placed on environmental / sustainability attributes?
- ▶ Number of CNG vehicles to use fuel?
- ▶ BioCNG for sale or own use?



# ***Project Economics***

- ▶ 100 GGE/day replacing gasoline at \$3.50/gal
  - \$110,000 / year avoided cost
- ▶ As demand for gas increases natural gas can be blended at 10% BioCNG = 1000 GGE/day
- ▶ BioCNG production \$0.50 to \$1.00 / GGE
- ▶ Approximate 20 scfm System Cost
  - \$300,000 for gas conditioning skid
  - \$55,000 for CNG fueling station

(Actual site conditions and SCFM will dictate System Cost)

# ***What will be learned from the Project***

- ▶ **Is BioCNG a reliable vehicle fuel ?**
- ▶ **Ease of production / blending?**
- ▶ **BioCNG production costs ?**
- ▶ **Will staff use CNG vehicles ?**
- ▶ **Public perception of BioCNG?**

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